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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/512,742

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For: METHODS FOR  
ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE  
CONTRACTION WITHIN THE SPINE

Examiner: Lee S. Cohen

Art Unit: 3739

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
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Sir:

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the subject application.